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quarantinable diseases and vaccinated. Chinese going to American territory for the first time are examined for trachoma and infectious diseases.

Upon the date of sailing of a steamship carrying Chinese passengers to the Philippine Islands the American consul and the service officer go on board, the consul to examine the papers of the passengers, in order to reduce to a minimum the number of detentions at ports in the Philippine Islands, and the officer to examine the passengers and cargo.

Report from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Examination of emigrants—Smallpox—Plague-infected rats—Smallpox at Hankau and Tientsin.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, May 19:

Week ended May 15. Bills of health granted to 2 steamships having an aggregate personnel of 475. There were inspected 1 vessel, 62 members of crews, and 3 cabin passengers. Three emigrants for San Francisco per steamship *China* were examined and passed; their baggage was disinfected with formalin. There were also disinfected 4 pieces of freight, personal effects, and inspection was made of numerous shipments destined to the United States to ascertain if they were packed in accordance with the requirements in force at this port.

The report of the municipal health department shows for the week 1 death from smallpox among natives.

The percentage of plague-infected rats found among those examined has fallen from 3.7 to 1.1. The eastern district of the settlement, which was the district originally infected and in which the greatest number of infected rodents have been found, has contributed no plague rats for two weeks. The northern district was responsible for the only plague-infected rats found during the period under consideration. There were examined 465 rats, of which only 4 were found to be infected.

The health conditions of Shanghai are very good.

Reports from Hankau for the week ended May 8 show smallpox and relapsing fever present among natives, but not in severe epidemic form. The number of cases and deaths is not given.

Reports from Tientsin for the week ended May 1 show 1 case of smallpox.

These reports include only the British and Japanese concessions.

Report from Swatow—Epidemic plague in vicinity.

Consul Pontius reports, May 11:

For some weeks an epidemic of bubonic plague has been prevalent throughout the surrounding districts. Plague first appeared at the following places: Chi Wei Hsiang, Chiao Tung, Cheng Chiang, Hsia Tung, Ching Pun, Hsi Chang, Chi Tan, Touchowfu, and Chih Yang. At these places the epidemic has caused an estimated total of more than 1,000 deaths.

During the past three weeks plague has appeared also at Chaochowfu, Ampou, Ko Lung, Chipienhsien, and Tatapu. Several of these places are in the immediate vicinity of Swatow. A number of